

AREA AND JUST LAW

General Hundley Thus Characterizes the
Walton Act.

ELECTION BILLS DISCUSSED.
Many Speeches Made on the Floor of
the House Yesterday—Messrs. Win-
ston and Cabell Advocate Changes
in the Method of Voting.

The discussion of the various election bills before the House came up in that body at noon yesterday, and quite an animated debate was indulged in. As soon as the question came up Mr. Hundley was recognized, and spoke for an hour, making one of the ablest and most logical and comprehensive speeches of the session. He alluded in the outset to Major Lee and Mr. Duges, who spoke Friday, and said their conclusions were all wrong. He stated that he was for the Walton law, because on its face it was fair and just, because it had diminished the number of votes, and because it was the only law since the viva-voce vote was taken that enabled a free man to cast his ballot unmolested. Going back to ancient Roman history, he quoted Gibbon to bear him out in the assertion that the great event which marked the decline of the Roman empire was the gift of suffrage to her freedmen. This the speaker compared with the emancipation proclamation, and said that since the negro had been exercising suffrage a decline had been in progress here. Democracy came to the rescue. Speaking directly to the opposition, Mr. Hundley said that by turning the cathode X ray on their hearts it would be shown that they did not want the negro to represent or affiliate with them. The Democrats, he said, were charged with the manner of trickery and fraud by the Republicans, and yet the very first issue-halter he ever saw was introduced under the auspices of their late great leader. The speaker cited numerous instances of fraud which had been proven against the Republican party.

THE BILLS DISCUSSED.
He discussed briefly the Petersburg bill, the Coles, and Craig bills, and ridiculed them with hot shots poured in on their imperfections. He laid special stress on the ignorance and prejudice of the negro, and asserted that he was led to the polls frequently to vote against his own interests and those of his employers by his preacher, who had previously been bribed to lead him astray by his promises of black hearts. Under the Walton law the negro could cast his vote without any fear of being turned out of the church. The heeler and the bulldozer couldn't get to them, and they were enabled to cast their ballots unrestricted. The speaker closed with an eloquent appeal for the present law, and was loudly applauded.

VIEWS OF MR. WINSTON.
Mr. Winston was the next speaker to address the body, and he spoke in behalf of his bill, which he had introduced as a substitute. He spoke of his determination to have the Anglo-Saxon remain supreme, and said that instead of jeopardizing that supremacy he had proposed to perpetuate that supremacy. The future destiny and happiness of the State of Virginia was so closely woven with the Democratic party as to make them inseparable, and Democratic success meant the happiness of the State. He thought the Walton law was crude and imperfect. He objected, first, to the special-constable feature, as giving too much power to one man. So much, in fact, that he had been heard of as a special-constable in the most difficult to get a respectable, honorable man to fill it. He objected, also, to the provision which required an ignorant man to display his ignorance at the polls. He objected also to the interchange of names on the ballot.

With reference to the Parker substitute, Mr. Winston said the designation of judge to assist the elector had been made more odious to the people than the assignment of a special constable to do the work. The speaker carefully set forth the provisions of his bill, and in conclusion, made a strong appeal for his measure.

MR. CABELL SPEAKS.
Mr. Cabell advocated the Craig bill. He expressed great regret at being forced to differ from the gentleman from Amelia, but he said he was a Democrat from principle, and after conviction, and not a party man. He alluded to the fact that for many decades the Democratic party had been the salvation of the republic, and said that it was the duty of Democrats to see that all in whom was vested the right of suffrage should be allowed to exercise that right. He wanted the fairest form of election that could be gotten, and while none of the bills under consideration were perfect, he thought the Craig bill the best. He went into an explanation of the Craig bill, and then asked that the Parker substitute be stricken out, and that the Craig bill be taken up.

GO OVER TO MONDAY.
The members assembled for the afternoon session promptly at 2 o'clock, and Mr. Fisher moved to postpone the further consideration of the election bills until tomorrow at noon. He stated that there were a quantity of bills on the calendar to be taken up so long as the election bills were under discussion, and no vote would be reached on the election bills until the last hours of the session. Mr. Saunders moved to take up the no objection to this, and it was agreed to.

HUBARD-FLOOD CONTENT.

Report of the Senate Committee as to the Charges.
The following report was yesterday submitted by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections:

To the Senate of Virginia:
The charges made by R. T. Hubbard touching the election of H. D. Flood, in the Eighteenth Senatorial District have been carefully considered by your committee, and are unsupported by any proper or legal evidence. They are clearly contradicted by the answer of Mr. Flood and the affidavits filed with said answer.

No depositions were taken according to law. Section 12 of the Code of Virginia requires depositions to be begun within fifteen days after the election, and provides that neither party shall have the benefit of any deposition not taken within the time specified and limited. This Mr. Hubbard failed utterly to do.

The committee could not properly consider the affidavits filed, but at the request of both Mr. Hubbard and Mr. Flood, it has carefully considered all the papers.

The affidavits filed with Mr. Flood's answer fully and completely exonerated him and the officers conducting the election from all the charges made by Mr. Hubbard, and fully establish Mr. Flood's position, and his election by a majority of almost one thousand.

The papers made no contest, according to law, and Mr. Flood's election to a seat in the Senate from the Eighteenth Senatorial District is confirmed and ratified.

(Signed) "WILLIAM A. LITTLE, Jr.,
"HENRY FAIRFAX,
"H. H. JACKSON,
"H. S. KANE,
"R. E. BOYKIN."

Powhatan Railroad Bill.
After the argument on the report of the Staunton Investigation Committee was concluded in the Senate last night there was considerable discussion over a bill to amend and re-enact an act to authorize the county of Powhatan to change the form of the bonds subscribed to the Farmville and Powhatan Railroad Company, so

as to allow the Board of Supervisors of said county to refund the conditional bonds and interest thereon.

Mr. Flanagan spoke in opposition to the measure, while Messrs. Sands and Flood were in favor of it. The bill was passed, as was also one allowing the county of Powhatan to convey a plot of land to the Powhatan Troop Association. The Senate then adjourned, it having only a few minutes of midnight, after having adopted a resolution to meet Monday at 10 o'clock.

Forgot Where He Was.
An amusing incident occurred in the Senate yesterday. Mr. Cooke, member of the House from Norfolk, was in the chamber, and Mr. Lovenstein, who was in the chair, asked if the Senator from Norfolk (referring to Mr. Sands) wished a certain bill placed upon the calendar. Mr. Cooke, ever ready to promote the interests of the city he represents, and forgetting that he was on the side of the house in which he had no voice, promptly said the President of the Senate wished a certain bill placed upon the calendar.

The roars of laughter with which his motion was received by the body caused him to realize his absent-minded mistake, and he joined in the laugh at his own expense.

Many Adjourn To-Morrow Night.
The probabilities are not that the session of the Legislature will end Monday at midnight. The sentiment of the members of both the Senate and the House seems to be opposed to extending it for ten days, as proposed in the resolution offered in the lower branch.

The measure making encounters with fists, with or without gloves, for a prize of money or other consideration, or for a championship, a felony, punishable by imprisonment of not less than one nor more than five years in the penitentiary, is now a law, the Governor having approved it.

Accused of Post-Office Robbery.
John A. Poythress, accused of robbing the post-office at La Crosse, Va., and arrested last month at Salem, was brought to Richmond yesterday by Deputy Marshal John M. DeLoach, to stand trial before the United States Court in April. He was committed to jail by Commissioner Flegenheimer in default of \$300 security required of him.

Illness of Mr. Rueger.
Mr. Louis Rueger, one of the oldest, most prominent, and respected German-American citizens of this city, is lying at his home, No. 515 North Sixth street, in extreme. Mr. Rueger is in the 75th year of his age, and has lately suffered with bronchitis, which has left him much debilitated, and grave fears are entertained that he will not be able to rally from the effects of the late seizure.

Charged With Car-Breaking.
Mark and W. A. Armstrong, two white men, were arrested last night by Watchman Buck, of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, on the charge of feloniously breaking into and entering a loaded freight-car of that company.

Persons and Briefs.
Miss Estelle Smith is visiting her aunt, Miss Wood, at 107 West Clay street.

Miss M. E. Powers will leave on Monday for New York, where she will remain for ten days.

Miss Grace Spear, of Barton Heights, has returned home from a month's visit to Annapolis.

Mrs. Ann H. Smith, of north Twelfth street, who has been quite ill, is constantly improving.

THROUGH THE STATE.

**AN IMPORTANT DECISION TO RAIL-
WAY EMPLOYEES.**

**Petersburg's New Pastor—Tobacco
Exports—Marriages and Deaths
During February—Critically Ill—
Death of a Gallant Confederate.**

PETERSBURG, VA., February 23.
(Special.)—A very important decision as to laborers, and especially as to railroad employees, was rendered at Parkersburg, W. Va., on the 22nd instant by United States Judge Jackson, of the West Virginia Circuit, in the case of the Fidelity Insurance, Trust and Safe Deposit Company, against the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company.

A number of people residing in West Virginia, near the Virginia line, have been in the habit of buying up or taking assignments of claims of citizens of Virginia against laboring-men residing in Virginia, whose wages (up to \$50 per month) are, by the laws of this State, protected from distress, levy, or garnishment. These claims they proceeded to collect in West Virginia by attaching and garnishing in that State, Railroad corporations, like the Norfolk and Western, whose lines run from Virginia into West Virginia, the employee of said road being a non-resident of West Virginia, losing the benefit of his homestead exemption under Virginia law.

By a recent Act of Assembly the Legislature of Virginia has made such transactions unlawful on the part of the Virginia creditor. But this legislative action was on Thursday last reinforced and made effective in West Virginia by the order entered by Judge Jackson in the case above mentioned, dismissing sundry attachments, which had for their object the enforcement of wages of Virginia employees of the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company, and the practice of the parties attempting to thus evade the law protecting the wages of laborers has received a death blow.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL NEWS.
The tobacco exports from this city during the month of February, under the new bonded warehouse system, amounted to 235,765 pounds.

Rev. S. Bunting, the new rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, will assume formal charge of that church to-morrow, and will preaching morning and night.

During the month of February twelve marriage-licenses were issued from the Clerk's office, in this city—two to white and ten to colored couples.

The report of the Health Officer shows that during the month of February there were thirty-two deaths in Petersburg—eight among the white and twenty-four among the colored population.

The venerable Mr. P. H. Booth still continues critically ill at his residence, on Synamore street.

There are now eighty-eight inmates in the city almshouse—thirty-seven white and fifty-one colored.

DEATH OF A GALLANT CONFEDERATE.

A telegram was received by relatives here to-day, announcing the death, in Memphis, Tenn., at an early hour this morning of Major Gilbert W. Rambant, in the thirty-first year of his age. The deceased was born in this city, and lived here until his 21st year, when he removed to Memphis, where, in his business relations he rose to prominence and influence, being chosen to the presidency of the stockyards, director in several of the banks, and president of the largest insurance company in the Mississippi regime. The deceased was major on General Forrest's staff; was taken prisoner at Shiloh, and suffered many hardships in Camp Chase. He left Memphis with the famous MacDonough's Black-Horse Cavalry, and was with this company in the escape from Fort Donelson, when the cavalry cut its way through the Federal lines.

Major Rambant was with Forrest until the end of the war. Socially, he was one of the most brilliant men in the society of Memphis. He was a son of the late Captain G. V. R. Rambant of this city, and his father, Mrs. William E. Morrison, is the only near relative left here. Major Rambant was the man who, in one of the battles of the war, captured Colonel Robert Ingersoll.

RADFORD.

Broke His Thigh—Important Case Decided—Briefs.
EAST RADFORD, VA., February 23.
(Special.)—Mr. W. H. Zink, of this place, who has been working with the bridge force of the Norfolk and Western Railroad, near Mayberry, W. Va., fell from a bridge a few days ago and broke his thigh. He was brought home Friday.

A young man named Jennings, a brakeman on the railroad, while examining a pistol last night, shot himself seriously in the groin.

The "Mountain-Lake land case," which has been in the Hastings Court here for some time, has been decided. Judge Cassel confirmed the sale and issued a writ of ejectment. This is an important matter, and the company will proceed with their iron-ore and lumber operations, which have been tied up for quite awhile.

THE PIPE-PLANT.

The Radford Pipe and Foundry Company's plant will be sold March 30th. A decree has been entered in the matter, and the plant advertised for sale. It is hoped that this sale may be instrumental in opening the works, which have been idle since last July.

Grand-Chancellor William E. Garrett, of Leesburg, was to visit Radford Lodge, No. 51, Knights of Pythias, to-night.

The prospect for a large number of candidates for the city offices at the spring election. At present six gentlemen have been spoken of as candidates for Mayor, and already two have announced themselves. The party is held divided, and there is no telling what the result may be if the factions cannot be harmonized.

PERSONAL.

The remains of a Vandoren, who died here of pneumonia, were taken to New Jersey for interment.

The Fourquarean-Price Company.

**A GLIMPSE OF
THE COMING FASHIONS.**

Spring is lining up her forces---ready to make another grand change. To be in touch with the creating geniuses was never so important---and an inspection of our stock will show our many advantages in procuring the best. To-morrow will be a day of interest to early spring purchasers.

New Goods, New Styles, and New Prices in every department.

Silks.

Our Silk Department is now offering some choice values in New Spring Goods. The styles are the best and the prices lower for equal qualities than we ever before offered.

Plain Chameleon and Shaded Taffeta Silks, both favorites for early spring wear.

75c. and \$1 Yard.
Persian Taffetas, in all the new effects for early spring.

\$1, \$1.50, and \$1.50 Yard.
Parisian Novelty Silks, in high-class effects.

\$2 Yard.
Brilliant Colored Plaid Taffeta Silks, for waists.

\$1.25 Yard.
Evening Shades in Taffeta Silks.

\$5c. Yard.
Pure White Taffeta Silks, small and medium figures, regular \$1 value.

70c. Yard.
Plain Taffeta Silks for linings.

60c. Yard.
21-inch Heavy All-Silk Black Taffetas, extra good value.

75c. Yard.
27-inch Extra Heavy All-Silk Black Taffetas.

\$1 Yard.
27-inch Silk Checks, in all the latest colors, very desirable for waists.

\$1.25 Yard.
3 Specials in Black Japanese Silks: 23 inches wide at 50c.

21 inches wide at 50c.
25 inches wide at 50c.

3 Specials in White Habutai Wash Silks: 27 inches wide, 37c.

27 inches wide, 45c.
25 inches wide, 50c.

Black Satin-Faced Silk, with large colored brocade.

Preliminary Announcement!

Linens.

Table Damask.

TO-MORROW our New Millinery Department will be ready for such business as the early season demands.

In proper time we shall announce the date of our formal opening, when we will display the most beautiful and correct Millinery south of New York.

Our corps of unexcelled milliners, headed by two Modistes from New York, who stand high in their art, are busily engaged in making up those pretty artistic effects that never fail to please the eyes of the ladies.

To-morrow we offer a very select line of early spring TOQUES AND SMALL HATS, suitable for present wear, the production of our own work-room, to which we invite your special attention.

Special Sale To-Morrow

Natural Palms

(Prepared).

We have secured the exclusive sale for Richmond for the (Prepared) Natural Palms, that are now creating such an excitement in all the northern cities. They are indispensable for the decoration of houses, gardens, theatres, hotels, churches, weddings, etc. They are neither growing nor artificial. They are prepared from the choicest productions of the tropics; retain original appearance and flexibility; none of the attention and watering required by growing plants; cannot be distinguished from them; cost much less, and are more durable.

Their value to all persons requiring decorations cannot be estimated. Their low price has caused an unprecedented demand wherever they have been shown:

NUMBER OF LEAVES.	HEIGHT.	PRICE.
4.....	15 inches.....	\$ 1.35.
5.....	2 feet.....	2.45.
6.....	3 feet.....	3.65.
7.....	4 feet.....	4.75.
8.....	5 feet.....	5.85.
9.....	6 feet.....	7.35.
10.....	7 feet.....	9.60.
12.....	8 feet.....	11.50.
15.....	9 feet.....	15.75.
17.....	10 feet.....	20.75.

Dress Patterns.

Wool Etamines, in lace effects, 7 yards to pattern, \$15.

Silk and Wool Novelties, in new and beautiful patterns, \$25 and \$27 a Pattern.

THE FOURQUAREAN-PRICE CO.

spending a week at the Point, left for their station (Milwaukee, Wis.) Tuesday.

Miss Carolyn Story, who has been spending the winter in Washington, and her friend, Miss Leiter, arrived here this week.

Major James H. Gregory (United States Engineers) and family arrived from Cincinnati yesterday on a month's visit.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT.
The engagement of Lieutenant W. C. Davis (First Artillery) to Miss Margaret Schenck, daughter of Captain A. D. Schenck (Second Artillery), is announced.

NORTHAMPTON.

Decided He Is Insane—Personal Mention.
EASTVILLE, VA., February 23.
(Special.)—A commission of lunacy yesterday decided that Edward Leatherbury, who is charged with poisoning a colored man by the name of John Watson, was insane, and he will be sent to the Williamsburg asylum in a few days. The commission was composed of Justices R. W. Nottingham, John R. Read, and John Nottingham, and Dr. James M. McNeill.

The trial of Leatherbury was to have come up at the March term of the County Court. The stomach of the deceased is now in Richmond, undergoing an examination by Dr. Taylor, the State Chemist.

Mr. Fisher Bradford, of Nassawadox, died Wednesday last at the ripe old age of 90 years.

Mrs. Margaret Ashby, of Franktown, died at that place this week at the age of 72 years.

Mrs. Lucy D. Ward, formerly house-keeper at the Taylor House, and Mr. Martin Lee, from Sunny Side, were married in the parlor of the above-named hotel a few evenings ago.

One of the storm-panes of the new Hog Island light-house was recently broken up by ducks flying against it. Several of the ducks were caught by the keeper.

Danville Tobacco Sales.

DANVILLE, VA., February 23.
(Special.) The sales of loose leaf-tobacco on this market for February amounted to 456,674 pounds; same month last year, 2,485,124 pounds; increase for February, 1895, 2,155,250 pounds; sales from October 1, 1895, to March 1, 1896, 15,755,245 pounds; same time last year, 15,424,686 pounds. Increase this year over last, 2,330,559 pounds.

Considered the Richmond Trouble.
NORFOLK, VA., February 23.
(Special.)—The stockholders of the Co-operative Town Company, which undertook to

build a great city at Elizabethton, Tenn., held a meeting at that place to-day for the purpose of taking steps to relieve the company of financial embarrassment. The meeting was presided over by United States Senator Harris, of Tennessee, and among other distinguished stockholders in attendance were Secretary Carlisle and Judge McComas, of Maryland. A resolution was adopted conveying all the property of the company to U. S. Town, Boston, in consideration of his paying the company's indebtedness of \$100,000.

Delayed by Fog.
NORFOLK, VA., February 23.
(Special.)—The steamer Norfolk, of the Norfolk and Washington Line, did not arrive until 11 o'clock to-night, having been delayed by the fog. The vessel anchored last night off Blackwell's Island, seventy miles below Washington, and at 12 o'clock this afternoon. She left for Washington on the return trip just after midnight to-night.

Twenty Candidates and No Choice.
FRANKFORT, KY., February 23.
(Special.)—The balloting for United States Senator resulted in no choice. Hunter's leader, A. D. James, voting for Auditor Samuel Stoner. This was taken to indicate that the Hunter organization will try to concentrate on Stone and bestow on him the Republican caucus nomination, which Hunter tossed away. The Republicans voted for twenty or more different candidates, and the Democrats voted exactly as on yesterday.

Bloodhounds for Train-Wreckers.
RALEIGH, N. C., February 23.
(Special.)—A large number of bloodhounds were received by the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad Company for use in tracking criminals along its line. They are to be specially used in case of train-wrecking.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
DR. KAZI, A. M., and S. F. M. Topic at night: "Sinner Is and About the Temple."

Rev. C. M. CUMBLEY at Westminster at 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.

Let's go to Kaufmann's
and get one of those New, Stylish Little Children's Reefers for Mary.

COR. FOURTH AND BROAD STS.

64-inch Full Bleached All-India

Scotch Damask, all pure linen flax, and extra weight, a good 70c. value, 50c. Yard.

66-inch Extra Heavy German Linen Damask, full bleached and an extra good weaver, would be good value at 81c. a yard— 60c. Yard.

72-inch Fine and Heavy All-India Irish Damask, beautiful goods, and a regular \$1 value— 75c. Yard.

4 pieces 72-inch Full Bleached Genuine All-India Scotch Damask, extra heavy and fine, the lengths are 6, 8, 12, and 21 yards. The price was \$1.25 a yard—to-morrow the price will be \$1.00.

72-inch Pure Turkey-Red Table Damask, oil-bolted, and perfectly fast color, usual price, 75c.— 62 1/2c. Yard.

Linen Sheets.

Fine Round-Thread All Pure Linen Hemstitched Sheets, soft finish, and extra weight—size 90x36—special price, 65 Pair.

Towels.

20 dozen Extra Fine Hemstitched Grass - Bleached All-India Hand Towels, with White borders; size 16x4 inches—equal to the 5c. Towel of last season— 50c. Each.

10 dozen All Pure Linen Bath Towels, all laundered, ready for use. Red and Blue and White borders. The best Towel we ever knew sold at the price— 12 1/2c. Each.

50 dozen Fine Grass-Bleached All-India Hand Towels, size 16x4—extra fine and large. A better towel than you ever saw at the price— 25c. Each.

White Goods.

An assortment surpassing all our previous efforts—a variety of High-Class Novelties not to be found elsewhere.

India Linens, Linon d'India, Linon d'Ireland, Striped and Checked India Dimity, Plaid and Striped Nainsooks, Three- and Four-quarter Linen Lawns, Dotted Swiss, Persian Lawns, French Nainsooks, English Nainsook, and Long Cloths, French Lawns, French Batiste, French Swiss, Yorkings, Tuckings, etc.

Fine Sheer All White Striped Organdie, one of the novelties for 1896— 162-5c. Yard.

Dimity Dots, the great favorite of last season, but greater this— 25c. Yard.

Pignons, Marseilles, and Vichy in the largest line we have ever shown— 12 1/2c. to 60c. Yard.

MEETINGS.

THERE WILL BE A MEETING HELD at Morgens's Hall TUESDAY, March 3, 1896, at 4 P. M., of all interested in the advancement and organization of the ICB COMPANY to be formed for the manufacture and sale of ice. There is some stock still on the market, and all interested are requested to be present.